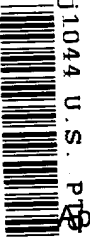


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### New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) Plural Inventors

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of thirty-seven (37) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-one (21) claims.
3. Eight (8) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

6. And, if indicated:

☐ A preliminary amendment.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/272,548 entitled "A Pre-Fastened Absorbent Article Having Improved Fit and Fastening Features" and filed on March 1, 2001, in the names of Gary Lee Travis, et al. (Docket No. 15,075).

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